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## BETTER GOVERNMENT FOR ALASKA IS PROMISED; PLEDGES ARE MADE

### SKAGWAY GIVEN THRILL; HARDING VISITS THERE

Presidential Party Pays Visit to Historic Place—Party Off for Seward.

SKAGWAY, July 11.—(By Associated Press.)—This now small but once world known town lying at the head of Lynn Canal was thrilled today by the unexpected visit of President Harding and members of his party. The members of the Presidential party found this little town, known by the memorable days of '97 and '98 when hardy and adventure men by the thousands came here bound for the Yukon and fortune, nestling among glacier crowned mountain peaks, quiet with only a few reminders of the days when it was one of the wildest and gayest places in the whole wide world.

Here it was that those who came under the spell of the Yukon outfitted for the toilsome climb over the summit of the White Pass and thence to brave the dangers of Miles Canyon, Whitehorse Rapids, Five Finger Rapids, Rink Rapids and over peril met by those seeking the yellow metal.

Rain which marked yesterday's visit at Juneau had ceased and the sun often times breaking through the clouds often revealed the beauties of the glaciers reaching down from the mountains along Lynn Canal.

Pass By Muir Glacier. By direction of the President, the transport Henderson will pass by Muir Glacier on the way to Seward and the President recalled the vacation trip of a year ago spent with the late John Muir, Henry Ford and others in the Maryland mountains.

President and Mrs. Harding went to the hotel here owned by Mrs. H. S. Pullen whose son Royal is now a Colonel in the United States Army and was a famous West Point football captain. A reception was held at the Pullen House and the President made a brief address speaking about the romance of Skagway.

Mrs. Harding was presented with numerous bouquets of flowers, great dahlias nearly one foot across, large poppies and sweet peas. The Henderson sailed shortly after noon for the trip across the Gulf of Alaska on the way to Seward the next stop.

FURTHER USE OF TRANSPORT. WASHINGTON, July 11.—Secretary of Navy Denby announces the transport Henderson will be available for President Harding to use from San Diego to Washington, D. C., if he so desires, when he returns from his trip to Alaska.

CHICAGO, July 11.—Wheat is down to \$1 a bushel and showing no tendency to rebound although the authorities declare the price is below the cost of production.

### CALM AND AUSTERE ZITA OF AUSTRIA FACES LEAN YEARS

VIENNA, July 11.—Recent reports from Spain that Zita, former empress of Austria, and queen of Hungary, is facing immediate destitution, has prompted a denial from Count Albert Apponyi, her intimate counselor, who has just returned from a visit to the ex-empress at San Sebastian. Zita, he says, has managed to get together sufficient funds to support a very frugal standard of living for the next two years, during which time she will not relinquish any effort to recover at least a portion of the private estates of the late Emperor Karl.

"Zita lives," explained Count Apponyi, "in the manner of a lower middle class family. Her grandmother, the Archduchess Maria Theresa, lives with her, and they share a maid between them. For actual service they have a cook, a chambermaid, and a kitchen maid. Naturally, with eight children, there must be teachers for the older ones, and a nurse for the younger. The children cannot attend school because they do not know Spanish."

Count Apponyi, who always refers to Zita as "Her Majesty," said the



Margaret Lawrence & Wallace Eddinger

Wallace Eddinger and Margaret Lawrence, well-known American stage stars, have filed applications for a marriage license in London. Miss Lawrence formerly was the wife of Lieutenant-Commander Orson Nunns, of the United States Navy.

### LEAGUE IS DIVIDED UPON QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT

#### Greetings from Shanghai Sent to President Harding

SHANGHAI, July 11.—The American Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai has sent greetings to President Harding on account of his first voyage on Pacific waters. The message makes an urgent appeal that he take the lead in saving Democracy for China.

#### Machine Guns Be Used On Honolulu Smugglers

HONOLULU, July 11.—Harry Murray, Collector of Customs, just returned from Washington, said the Treasury Department had authorized transatlantic liners to mount machine guns on their decks for use against smugglers operating into Honolulu.

former empress has been living all winter and most of the spring in an annex of the hotel San Sebastian. She was previously in a delightful house in Lequeto, on the Bay of Biscay, which she was forced to leave because the owner did not care to continue letting it. Through the influence of the Spanish King he was persuaded to sell it, and a group of rich aristocrats purchased it for Her Majesty. It is a comfortable and sufficiently commodious villa, and has been thoroughly overhauled to make it habitable winter and summer.

"The queen," continued Count Apponyi, "lives according to the severest regime. She rises every morning at five-thirty, wears the plainest of clothes, avoids society, and devotes herself to her eight children. A deeply religious woman, she spends much time in prayer, and is supported by an almost exalted mood of faith and an almost fanatic sense of duty. She is not discouraged; dismay is absolutely foreign to her temperament. Sometimes she is even merry, and laughs a little, but she is a very serious woman."

GENEVA, July 11.—(By Associated Press.)—The League of Nations appears to be moving toward a deadlock in its efforts to bring about a general reduction of armaments. The special committee that was to draft, for proposal to all members of the League, a general treaty to that end, with a mutual pact of guarantee to give effect to Article Ten of the covenant, has failed to accomplish anything. It is divided between the Cecil project for a general guarantee pact, and a French substitute providing for limited agreements between two or more members.

The success of any such project calls for the assurance of security to such countries as France and Poland, which make it a requisite condition to any reduction in armaments. The French delegation insists that the Cecil project for a general guarantee pact does not give that security because several of the smaller members of the League, such as Switzerland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, have made it clear that they will remain outside of it. These countries are not counted upon to furnish military aid under such an agreement, but their absence from the combination it is argued, would make it impossible to apply the blockade to Germany, for instance, and, under the League covenant, the blockade is the first weapon that would be used against a prospective aggressor.

Cecil and his friends point out that the French project for regional agreements between two or more members tends only to the perpetuation of the old system of alliances and the development of groups of powers hostile to one another, such as existed before the world war.

The permanent military commission of the League, which pronounced the Cecil plan as unlikely to afford the assurance of prompt and efficient help for a menaced member that would justify it in reducing its armament, has been called upon to give its opinion of the French plan.

An earnest effort will be made to reach a compromise between the two projects, but failing that, a strong drive will be made in the assembly in September to reach a decision as to the application of the blockade, under the covenant.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The Treasury and Prohibition officials have decided on forfeiture proceedings as a means of disposing of liquor seized from ships in violation of the liquor laws. Libel suits will be brought against contraband liquor but not against ships or commanders.

### RECOGNITION OF MEXICO IS RUMOR HEARD

Wall Street Gets Tip that Differences Between U. S. and Mexico Settled.

NEW YORK, July 11.—Wall Street heard rumors today that differences between the American and Mexican members of the arbitration committee have been settled and recognition of the Mexican government might be announced by the State Department at any moment.

At the offices of the Mexican financial agency it was said the rumors had been heard and it was "hoped they were true."

NO BASIS OF FACT. WASHINGTON, July 11.—High officials of the State Department said they know of no basis of fact for the rumor on Wall Street that American recognition of Mexico is immediately imminent.

MAKING PROGRESS. MEXICO CITY, July 11.—"We are continuing to make progress every day," Commissioner Warren declared after last night's conference with the Mexican delegates to the recognition commission. It is understood the agrarian claims of the convention are virtually complete.

### Editor Indicted 4 Counts, For Contempt of Court

LAS VEGAS, July 11.—Brought to trial on four indictments charging contempt of court, Carl C. Magee, editor of the New Mexico State Tribune, declared that lands owned by Senator A. A. Jones and his opponent in the last Senatorial campaign, Stephen B. Davis, Jr., since made Solicitor of the Department of Commerce, were unequally assessed under the jurisdiction of the court of the Eighth Judicial District.

### LIGHTNING KILLS FIVE

CHICAGO, July 11.—Eleven deaths from heat and five from lightning are reported from various sections of the country. Iowa had one death, Michigan 1, Nebraska 5, Illinois 4. Lightning claimed three victims in Michigan and two in Iowa.

### TWELVE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

ALTON, Ill., July 11.—Twelve persons including seven women are dead and 23 were injured as the result of the explosion late yesterday afternoon at the plant of the Western Cartridge Company in East Alton which is believed to have been caused by loose powder jammed in a deapening machine.

Buildings within a radius of five miles were rocked.

The lives of the rescuers were endangered by contact with loose cartridges.

One woman killed was the mother of 10 children and had just started to work in the plant.

### War Time Wages Probable For Conductors, Trainmen

CHICAGO, July 11.—A return to war time wages for conductors and trainmen will be suggested to the rank and file of the Order of Railway Conductors and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen according to announcement made at the conference of western association chairmen.

### Cleveland Grand Jury Indicts Oil Promoters

CLEVELAND, July 11.—The Federal grand jury has indicted 26 Texas oil promoters including Dr. Cook on charges of using the mails to defraud.

### BANKER'S WIFE ON REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.



Mrs. Charles H. Sabin

Mrs. Charles H. Sabin, of New York, wife of the internationally known banker and financier, has been appointed as New York State's representative on the Women's Advisory Committee of the National Republican Committee, recently created by John T. Adams, Republican national chairman.

### SHELBY BANK CLOSES DOORS

Second Bank Failure in Montana Occurs—Fourth Fight Not Responsible.

GREAT FALLS, July 11.—The First Bank of Shelby, of which Mayor Jim Johnson is President, closed its doors this morning on orders of State Bank Examiner L. Q. Skelton who came here to take charge of the Stanton Trust and Savings Bank which voluntarily liquidated yesterday.

George Stanton, President of the Stanton Trust and Savings Bank, said the financing of the Fourth of July fight of Dempsey and Gibbons had nothing to do with the bank failure.

Examiner Skelton stated the First Bank of Shelby was closed because affiliated with the Stanton Bank. The Shelby bank has \$200,000 assets, \$25,000 capital and \$193,000 deposits. Mayor Johnson is one of the principal stockholders.

George H. Stanton today pledged his entire private fortune for settlement of the affairs of the Stanton bank if liquidation is allowed.

### CASHIER'S STATEMENT.

SHELBY, July 11.—L. A. Murrills, cashier of the closed Shelby State Bank, declared today the bank was adversely affected by the championship fight only through criticism aroused by Mayor Johnson's connection with raising the second \$100,000 guarantee for Dempsey and subscribing individual depositors to the first \$100,000, thus withdrawing accounts.

### James G. McFarland Is Chosen Head of Elks

ATLANTA, July 11.—James G. McFarland, of Watertown, South Dakota, has been elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at the first session of the grand lodge here. Boston has been chosen as the next convention city.

### Helen Ring Robinson Dies; Ill Long Time

DENVER, July 11.—Helen Ring Robinson, Colorado's first woman State Senator, writer, lecturer and politician, widely known throughout the West as a suffrage leader, died here late yesterday after a protracted illness. She was 45 years of age.

### COOPERATION IS AIM, PRESIDENT TELLS AUDIENCE

Better Understanding Needed to Bring About Development of Alaska.

### THREE SECRETARIES AND SPEAKER GILLETT TALK

Cabinet Members to Study Administration—Gillett Promises Assistance.

"If it be true that we are largely constituted in harmony with our environment, you of Juneau must be a very sturdy and stalwart people, and I may say to you that you look the part," declared President Harding to the hundreds of residents of Gastineau Channel towns who stood bareheaded in the rain yesterday morning before the Governor's House as he spoke to them briefly. The purpose of the visit, he said, was to bring about a better understanding both of and by Alaskans, "so that we may co-operate in making your wonderland a greater part of an even greater republic."

### Text of Remarks

"Ladies and Gentlemen, My Countrymen, All:

"I think there must be many Baptists in Juneau; at any rate people who would turn out in such great numbers on a rainy morning like this to extend a greeting ought to have some measure of return, and I wish I might offer it to you. I can only say how grateful we are to have your cordial greeting, how pleased we are, and how heartened we are to come here and find such a fine people so kindly and cordially disposed. I do not know how it affects you, but during the course of my journey amidst the wonderful scenery of Alaska, certain adjectives have been constantly recurring to me. I think of the words 'sturdy,' 'majestic,' 'stalwart,' and 'immovable' as expressing but in poor fashion the marvels of this wonderland of ours. If it be true, as I believe it to be, that we are largely constituted in harmony with our environment, you of Juneau must be a very sturdy and stalwart people, and I may say to you that you look the part. I am proud of you as citizens of the United States of America.

### Good to be Here

"It is very good to come here and to be able to know Alaska better. Some of us have had miserable, petty ideas about Alaska. Some of us had the notion that it was in the frozen and locked-up North; but we are having a most delightful awakening. The purpose of our visit is to know you better and, if possible, to have you know your government better and to come into closer relationships, so that we may jointly cooperate in making your wonderland a greater part of an even greater republic.

"I love to see these children. Unhappily, perhaps, children are never allowed to choose where they are

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### KISSES BRIDE; PASTOR BEATEN

BOSTON, July 11.—Rev. George Lyman Paine, Executive Secretary of the Greater Boston Federation of Churches, has sent a letter of apology to Mrs. Priscilla Redgrave Hague, bride of Lieut. Wesley Hague, of the navy, who beat the clergyman in the latter's office yesterday with his fists after learning Paine had kissed Mrs. Hague.

The letter said: "The last thing in the writer's mind was to give offense to the lady. Certainly at the time you took no offense and I would stopped playfully tickling you with a grass stalk the moment you asked it."

Lieut. Hague, who has been assigned to Bremerton, was married by Paine.

### Knight Templars to Entertain President

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—President Harding will be the guest of the Knights Templars of California at a special ceremony at the outdoor theatre at Hollywood on August 2 according to announcement made by Albert E. Boynton, Commander. Thirty members of the Marion Command, No. 36, Marion, Ohio, of which the President is a member will be present.

### Queer Little Door Parts Mother and Baby Forever

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 11.—One of the most curious institutions in this city is the "Casa dos Expostos," a founding asylum that receives its small inmates through a sort of revolving door which is so built in a wall that the person operating it from the outside cannot see inside the building nor be seen by persons from within.

The purpose of this mysterious door is to enable unfortunate mothers to place their offspring in safe keeping without revealing their identity or whatever secrets may have been connected with their existence.

Most of the foundlings, the asylum officials say, are put within the revolving door at night when there is little or no traffic on the street outside. With the turning of the door a bell rings, which announces to the attendants that a new guest has arrived.

If a note giving the child's name, or other information is pinned to its clothes, it is baptised with that name, but once a baby is placed within the door by the despairing mother, it is never returned, no matter what change in fortune may come to the mother or what claims she may advance to support her repentance.

The inmates of the "Casa dos Expostos" are raised like orphans and prepared for life with the best care within the ability of the gentle nuns who manage the institution. Many of the children are adopted by childless couples. Founded in 1738, the institution in the two centuries of its existence has furnished more than 45,000 citizens to this city, some of whom achieved renown and high position—and their introduction to the world was a revolving door.